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THE OTHER FACE OF NIGHT.

I sorrowed, slept; and this my dream:
I looked, and saw a large Hesper gleam
Right in the east, above the bar
Of morning mists—a morning star.
Full hushed, tremulous in mood
Thrilling on silent stream and wood.
"Behold!" I cried. "That watcher bright,
Who trims the lamp of jealous Night,
Hath on a stolen errand gone,
To do the service of the Dawn."
Then spake a voice, serene in air:
"Thou art new come, nor yet aware
How the calm heavens of the dead
Above thee and around are spread,
So marvellous thou that Hesper clear
Doth in the van of Dawn appear.
But from thy brow chase vexing thought,
And be thou apt, and wisely taught;
The star of eve to sorrowing men,
Is morning star in spirits' ken.
Thou seest the other face of Night,
And planets flushed with orient light."
I dreamed, and woke, and did rejoice,
So dwelt with me the blessed voice.
—Edith Thomas in Boston Traveler.

THE BUCKEYE PANORAMA BUSINESS.

A Place Where Big Paintings are Manufactured for Exhibition—Big Scheme.

Chicago is the center of the panorama business in America. And the panorama business is a more extensive one than most people imagine it to be. There are several panorama factories in town, or near by. One of these stands near the Rock Island railway tracks in Englewood—a monster turret of wood, whose doors are closed to all visitors except those accompanied by the proprietor, Dr. Pierpont. In this turret-like house painters are always at work upon panoramas—not creations, but copies of works already known to fame. Gettysburg is the favorite, and it is estimated that there are now in existence something like two dozen copies of this famous panorama. The copies are known to the trade as "buckeyes," though the origin of the term in this application is as yet a mystery. These "buckeyes" cost all the way from \$2,000 to \$30,000 apiece, and some of them are fine copies of the original. They are sold to enterprising chaps in large cities throughout the country, and exhibited usually in cheap wooden buildings. Some of them have made fortunes for their owners in a few years.

The cheaper paintings are carried about the country by railway cars, being wound up for shipment on a big spool, and exhibited in tents. Some of the first "buckeyes" manufactured were turned out by house and sign painters, and sorry jobs they made of them, too. In addition to their ignorance of perspective and coloring they only knew how to mix paints for wood surfaces, and some of the canvases which their clumsy brushes daubed, and which have been carried around the country until they are weary, cracked and weather-worn, do not much resemble the original Gettysburg.

A queer feature of the business is that the painters of these "buckeyes" pay the proprietors of the originals nothing for the privilege of copying. Photographs are on sale of all sections save one of the Gettysburg panorama, the exception being the scene of the wheat field. The copyers buy these photographs, slyly take notes as to the coloring while pretending to look at the canvas, and in the same manner make hasty and crude sketches of the wheat field.

It is said that there is a scheme on foot to procure \$10,000 copies of Gettysburg, Shiloh, Missionary Ridge, Siege of Paris and Atlanta (the new picture being painted in Warner's studio, Milwaukee), and combining them all under one canvas—"only one admission ticket to the five greatest panoramas on earth"—go on the road in true circus style. Surely, this is a great world for schemes.—Chicago Herald.

Paralyzing the Cats.
Excuse Commissioner Morris of the old board lives on West Twenty-first street. Four years ago cats drove people from their homes in this street by their midnight music. Commissioner Morris owes the peace of his home to his son, who is an amateur electrician. He put a wide board on top of the back fence to better facilitate cat locomotion. He then ran six bare telegraph wires along the top of this board, a very little distance apart. He connected these wires with the strong battery in the house, and a key, within easy reach, connected the battery with the wires on the fence.

With darkness the cats came. When a few vigorous notes gave indication of a promising loud concert, Wetmore touched the key. One long, loud yell followed. Four cats were seen several feet above the fence pawing the air, and all fell down in the yard quite paralyzed. One by one they got up, smelled of their paws, murmured a mew, and quietly stole away. This was kept up for several nights, until every cat in the block had tasted lightning.

Now, whenever a cat finds it necessary to cross the dangerous path, he first puts a paw gently out upon the wires, and crosses very slowly, with every muscle wound up for a spring to the ground at the first suspicion of shock.—New York Star.

Curious Illusion of the Vision.
M. de Parnello has called the attention of the French Academy of Sciences to a curious illusion of the vision, which may account for the apparent oscillation or swinging of stars sometimes observed, and which is called by the Germans Störchenblick. When the eye looks for some time at a small, feebly lighted body, itself being in complete darkness, the body appears to oscillate or describe certain curves. It is a phenomenon of the subjective order, and appears to be of the same nature as the movement of a star observed when a person leans his head against a wall and fixes his eye upon the star. The star appears to be agitated in its place and to oscillate rapidly. In order that the motion may be noticed, there should be no moon and the sky should be clear. A lunatic takes away the apparent motion.—New York Mail and Express.

On the Brooklyn Bridge.
While riding in the cable cars on the Brooklyn bridge one may look across and see the return cable passing in the opposite direction. As it runs at the rate of about ten miles an hour, it is passing at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and although made up of strands like a rope, it appears like a smooth cord. But if the observer will look between the wheels of the car the strands will for an instant become visible, the same as if the observer and cable were at rest.—New York Letter.

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